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§19-319.2.

(a) In this section, “facility” means a special psychiatric hospital or an acute general care hospital with separately identified inpatient psychiatric service.

(b) (1) As a condition of licensure, each facility shall adopt written policies and procedures to implement the requirements of §§ 10-701 through 10-709 of this article. The policies and procedures:

(i) May expand the rights provided in §§ 10-701 through 10-709 of this article;

(ii) Shall provide for a mechanism for patients and others to report suspected violations of §§ 10-701 through 10-709 of this article to a designated official of the hospital;

(iii) Shall provide a system for investigating suspected violations; and

(iv) Shall ensure that there is a timely appropriate response to any suspected violation.

(2) The Secretary may inspect any document necessary to ensure compliance with this subsection and §§ 10-701 through 10-709 of this article.

(3) If a hospital that is a facility fails to adopt and implement the policies and procedures required by this subsection or maintains a continuing pattern of conditions or practices in knowing violation of §§ 10-701 through 10-709 of this article, the Secretary may impose the following penalties, but only after the Secretary has satisfied the conditions in § 19-360 of this subtitle:

(i) Delicensure of the specialty psychiatric hospital;

(ii) Delicensure of the separately identified psychiatric service of the acute general care hospital; or

(iii) A fine not to exceed \$500 per day for each day the violation continues.

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